

I wish to register
my distress, as a
concerned citizen,
about Sinclair
Broadcasting's abuse
of their
quasi-monopoly
status.

Sinclair
demonstrated this
when it forced its
stations not to air
the list of the US
soldiers who have
died in Iraq.

Now Sinclair is
doing it again:
forcing their
stations to air an
anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election
is a clear example
of the dangers of
media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the
public airwaves free
of charge, and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. But when
large companies
control the
airwaves, we get
more of what's good
for the bottom line
and less of what we
need for our
democracy. Instead
of something
produced at "News
Central" far away,
it's more important
that we see real
people from our own
communities and more
substantive news
about issues that
matter.

Sinclair's actions
show why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them. They
show why the license
renewal process
needs to involve
more than a returned
postcard.

I will be watching

closely to see how
the FCC responds to
Sinclair's ongoing
heavyhanded attempts
at imposing a
partisan political
view over the
nation's airwaves.

Thank you for
continuing to defend
the public interest
in matters of
station ownership.